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Military

1. The 8 Infantry Regiment, unit strength 1,000 men, is located at Provadiya. The unit designation and identity of unit personnel are not known. Regimental barracks are located northeast of Varna.
2. An unidentified coast artillery regiment, strength approximately 500 men, is located north of Varna. The armored vehicles and guns of the unit are usually concentrated in a field next to the regimental barracks.
3. An unidentified naval unit, military number 1615, strength approximately 1,000 men, is located southeast of Varna. Captain Boyachiev is commanding officer of the unit.
4. There is an antiaircraft position made up of four guns located 7 kilometers north of Varna.
5. All of the above-mentioned units were previously stationed within the Varna city limits.
6. Allegedly there is a naval air base, which includes 5 single-engine sea planes, located 35 kilometers southwest of Varna.
7. There is a civilian airfield located 10 kilometers west of Varna where young parachutists of both sexes are trained.
8. No Soviet troops were observed by the informant in Varna or in the surrounding area.
9. The 1929, 1930, and 1931 classes are currently serving in the Bulgarian Army. Among those serving, 15 per cent of the total number are Turks. However, the Turks who do not wish to serve may pay between 10,000 and 20,000 leva in lieu of their service. Those who neither serve nor pay the specified amount are not allowed to emigrate to Turkey.

Industrial

10. There are three textile mills in Varna, the Purvi Mai and the Chervena Zvezda

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in the southern section, and the Hristo Botev in the western section. The Hristo Botev and the Purvi Mai employ approximately 1,000 workers on two shifts per day. The Chervena Zvezda mill employs approximately 500 workers.

11. The Georgi Dimitrov shipyard is located in the southern section of Varna. Cargo ship hulls, constructed in this shipyard, are completed at dry-docks approximately one kilometer west of the Georgi Dimitrov shipyard. Both the shipyard and the dry-dock are operated under the direction of Soviet technicians and engineers. All ships constructed and launched at these installations are sent to the USSR. A cargo ship, 60 meters long and 15 meters wide, was launched at the dry-docks in June or July 1951.
12. The State Security Service controls and regulates all movements within the military zones and the harbor. These districts are strictly guarded.

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